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From the Editor ...



Seventy-seven years ago, a WORK began that was destined to be one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of the world. That WORK began with no great fanfare, but humbly and unobtrusively. Nevertheless, that WORK was directed by the One who had created the immensity of the endless UNIVERSE! That vital WORK, starting out incredibly small, like the proverbial "mustard seed," was to expand into ALL nations on the face of the entire earth!

During the first week in February 1934, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Almighty God, inspired and motivated His servant, Herbert W. Armstrong, to launch the beginning of a "great commission": "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14).

Seventy-seven years ago, the world was in the throes of the great depression. Life was hard. Making a living was very difficult. Money was short! Hope was at an ebb, yet during that first week in February, a lone voice began to "cry aloud" in the wilderness of spiritual confusion the good news of the Kingdom of God. It was a powerful cry, but it could only be heard by a few over a tiny 100-watt radio station in Eugene, Oregon.

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God was being proclaimed to the world for the first time in nearly 1900 years. "The World Tomorrow" radio broadcast had begun, and *The Plain Truth* was advertised as a free magazine to the radio audience.

The good news of the Kingdom of God began to be preached and published once again after centuries of "another gospel" (see Gal. 1:6-8). A counterfeit message masquerading as "Christianity" was foisted off on a deceived world! Jesus, Himself, had originally brought the Gospel to the world (Mark 1:14), but within one hundred years His message became distorted and changed. An old "mother church" had arisen with a false message about a different Christ and totally perverted the true Gospel.

Centuries later, a few religious leaders, who were opposed to the corrupted teachings of the "mother church," rebelled and formed the Protestant movement. From that time, the "mother church" had "daughter churches"—DIVIDED and CONTENTIOUS and still preaching a vastly distorted message. The true Gospel brought by Jesus Christ was buried under Satan's fables and man's "natural" aversion to God's law (Rom. 8:7). Revelation 17:5 became a fulfilled prophecy: "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

Nonetheless, in February of 1934 the hour had come, seemingly at the

most inopportune time, when the TRUE GOSPEL would again be made known to a completely deceived and spiritually darkened world. The TRUE GOSPEL was to be preached and published as a witness to all nations on the face of the earth. And remarkably, after 50 long years, that commission was successfully completed. Then God's faithful servant, His end-time apostle, Herbert W. Armstrong, died.

Yes! The Gospel was successfully proclaimed as a witness to the entire world! Jesus Christ had raised up the sixth era of the Church of God and appointed Herbert Armstrong as the physical leader. Through that wonderful message—through the ministry of the end-time Elijah and the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) striding in faith through the “open doors” Christ provided—the WORK was FINISHED! The spiritual temple was built! All of the building blocks, the lively stones, were called and set in place.

From righteous Abel to the last person drawn by God the Father, through the ministry of Herbert Armstrong, the temple was completed. All 144,000 building blocks (Rev.14:1-5)—the FIRSTFRUITS—were called and chosen. Then God allowed His Elijah to pass from the scene (he died on Jan. 16, 1986) and Satan the devil viciously attacked the spiritual temple—the WCG.

Now 25 years—a quarter century—has passed and what do we see today? Mr. Armstrong would “turn over in his grave” if he could see what has happened to the spiritual temple!

Satan very seldom changes his evil tactics because they usually work. He attempts to divide and then

conquer. That was his line of attack with the “old mother church” and her Protestant daughters. Today, Herbert Armstrong would be stunned to realize that the WCG has become a modern version of the “old mother church” and that there are over 300 divided and contentious “daughter churches” that have come out of the WCG.

Fantastic prophecies have been fulfilled in the past 25 years. We have lived through these times. The “man of sin” has come and gone! The great falling away from truth has occurred. Many of the called and chosen “people prepared of God” through the end-time Elijah, have NOT been faithful (Rev. 17:14). Jeremiah 50:6 tells us that the shepherds—the ministry—have caused God's people to go astray. Men seeking the pre-eminent role have started their own churches and snared thousands of God's people in hundreds of churches and groups. Instead of seeking UNITY, many are filled with strife and disagreement. They are just as DIVIDED and CONTENTIOUS as the mother-daughter churches of the world are!

“ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? (1 Cor. 1:10-13)

Satan has done a job!

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work (James 3:14-16).

Mr. Armstrong had gigantic doors opened to him and he successfully took the true Gospel to all nations for a witness. From that message, each of us who were baptized into the Body of Christ received our calling from God. Mr. Armstrong stated in sermons and in writing that he had taken the Gospel to the world and that the temple had been finished!

In 1985, “The World Tomorrow” was aired on radio around the world and on over 400 television channels with vast viewing audiences. The Plain Truth magazine had a circulation of over 8,000,000 FREE copies each month going into every nation on earth. Books, booklets and other literature were being sent out by the millions. Ambassador College in Pasadena, CA was headquarters to the WCG, where over 600 full-time ministers and 1000 local Church elders received training as ministers of Jesus Christ. A Bible Correspondence Course was available to the 100,000 Church members, and dynamic programs were enjoyed by the youth of the Church. WCG congregations were established around the world!

From its tiny, insignificant beginning to its successful conclusion over 50 years later, this was the WORK of Jesus Christ! When Mr. Armstrong finished his part in the WORK, the spiritual temple was

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They Cry For Peace

by John Durrad

“Peace, peace” they cry—but there is no peace! Men desire peace but have no idea of how to obtain it. Today the hope for peace is still sought after, although the world is in a state of turmoil. These turbulent days are only the “beginning of sorrows” (Matt. 24:8). If we listen with God’s Spirit, the clapping of the hooves of the four horsemen can be heard as they gallop toward the conclusion of their awful task.

Men can still strive for peace today. Yet in a short while, no one will have any hope for peace and safety. The entire world will soon be plunged into great tribulation. Those days will be the most horrifying time ever on the earth. Near the close of 2½ years of those terrible times, the awesome heavenly signs of the sixth seal shall add to the woes of all mankind as they usher in the one-year period of the Day of the Lord’s Wrath.

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And

then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (Matt. 24:29-30).

During those days man will not be saying, “Peace, peace”—No! They will be seeking refuge in the “holes of the earth,” screaming in horror and pain (See Rev. 6:15-17 and Jer. 4:19-24). The heavenly signs and



A Greek riot police officer runs to escape from protestors during clashes in the center of Athens on May 5, 2010. Athens police chiefs mobilized all their forces, including those not on active duty, to restore order on May 5 amid rioting during protests against a government austerity drive. Police were put on a “general state of alert” to deal with the clashes after three people died in a bank that was firebombed on the margins of the demonstrations.

the two witnesses will announce to the world the coming of the Day of the Lord’s Wrath—it will not come as a “thief in the night”—it will be

expected by all the earth! Our booklet, *The Book of Revelation Understood at Last* makes the scriptures plain on this vital subject.

We of the Church of God’s Faithful understand the scriptures that plainly tell us that the time for seeking “peace and safety” is NOW—the Day of the Lord has ALREADY come “as a thief in the night” (Rev. 1:10). Man’s allotted 6000 years came to an end nearly 14 years ago and His time, the Day of the Lord, began again. The Day of the Lord’s Wrath is only a one-year period within the Day of the Lord.

“Now you do not need to have anything written to you about times and dates, brothers, for you yourselves know very well that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, “There is peace and security,” destruction will strike them as suddenly as labor pains come to a pregnant woman, and they will not be able to escape (1 Thess. 5:1-3, NIV).

Thus, the days when man can still seek peace and security are nearly at an end.

But man has human nature, and that is the problem.

Human nature without control will

never be able to promote peace. This world needs peace – real peace that comes from love. Hatred destroys peace. But what causes people to hate one another?

Right at the beginning of the Bible we learn of two trees. These two trees represent two ways of life. One of these ways *seems* right to a man – and so that is the way that most choose. But it is the other way – the way that doesn't seem right to a man – which will bring peace. One way, man's way, is the way of get. The other way, God's way, is the way of give – love.

The Way To Peace

God Tells Us The Only Way To Peace.

“Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matt 22:36-40).

Paul tells us that mankind has not known the way of peace. He also tells us why: because “there is no fear of God before their eyes” (Rom. 3:18).

“From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because

ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts (James 4:1-4).

Now, mankind has a problem. With man's human nature, it is impossible to please God, and God is the author of peace, not confusion. So something has to be added. The only being who is able to obey God's law is God Himself, so for man to obey God and bring peace to this world, he has to have God's nature.

This means that God's nature, His Holy Spirit, has to be untied to man's spirit for man to have any chance of obedience to God's royal law of love (John 16:12-13).

God Has A Plan

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams (Acts 2:17).

God is going to make His Holy Spirit available to all, but it won't be universally available until after the government of God is set up, and then only to Israel for a period of time. God's plan is that all people should have the opportunity to receive His Holy Spirit. All must have the choice of either accepting or rejecting His plan. This is a wonderful plan for all of mankind. God has given man 6,000 years to do his own thing: to form his own governments, to run his own society without God if it so pleased him. And we know mankind has tried with all its might to get along without God.

So God has given man 6,000 years

to create, or destroy, his own society. A day is as a thousand years to God (2 Pet. 3:8). God rested on the seventh day and created His Sabbath. Which brings us to the part of God's plan where God takes over. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in his book *Mystery of the Ages*:

“God thereupon, at the very foundation of this world, laid out a 7,000 year master plan for accomplishing His purpose.

It was Satan who deceived Eve. Adam then sinned deliberately in partaking of the forbidden fruit. The whole world since then has been deceived (Rev. 12:9).

Let us pause here momentarily. Let us realize that this was the very foundation of the world in which we still live. At this point, Satan must have gloated. He must have believed God was defeated – that God, through Adam, had failed to overthrow Satan's rule on the throne of the earth.

But God says, “My purpose shall stand” (Is. 14:24).

God's 7,000-year plan will accomplish God's purpose in overwhelming and magnificent glory. Understand this point, which has been a mystery to the world. When God closed off the tree of life, He closed off the redemption and salvation of mankind for 6,000 years, until the second Adam, Jesus Christ, after 6,000 years would return to earth in supreme power and glory to unseat Satan from his throne and to rule all nations of mankind.

The first man, Adam, was given the opportunity to choose God's government, to restore that government to the earth,

and to unseat Satan from the throne of the earth. Since he failed, salvation cannot be opened to humanity generally, until Jesus Christ, the second Adam, has accomplished what the first Adam failed to do – namely, to unseat Satan and to sit on the throne of the earth, restoring the government of God to this earth (*Mystery of the Ages*, pages 122-123).



Clockwise from top-left: British Royal Marines take part in the clearance of Nade Ali District of Helmand province; two F/A-18 strike fighters conduct combat missions over Afghanistan; an anti Taliban fighter during an operation to secure a compound in Helmand Province; A French soldier patrols a valley in Kapisa province; US marines prepare to board buses shortly after arriving in southern Afghanistan; Taliban fighters in a cave hideout; US soldiers prepare to fire a mortar during a mission in Paktika province.

eth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles (Is. 42:1).

This is what will be brought to the Gentiles during the Millennium – judgement -- not God's Holy Spirit!

“ I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles (Is. 42:6).

The Millennium

The Millennium--one thousand years of peace and prosperity--will thankfully soon be upon us. In the meantime men will continue to seek peace but not find it. When God sets His hand to save the world, He will save it! God is not competing with Satan. He is not trying to save the whole world now. This time now is not the only time, or day, of salvation.

“ Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages (Is. 49:8).

Today is a day of salvation – for the firstfruits, who are learning the

true and sure way to peace at this time, ready for rule in the Kingdom of God. With God's Holy Spirit, the way of peace will be known and will be taught to all. Yet Revelation 19:15 says that Christ will rule with a rod of iron! Why will it be necessary during the Millennium to rule the nations with a rod of iron? Why do baptized members with God's Holy Spirit need a rod of iron ruling over them? The answer is that they do not; they are filled with the Spirit of Christ and they *desire* to keep His ways. They will not need to be forced to obey God. But those without God's Holy Spirit, even during the Millennium, will need strong controls over them.

“ Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delight-

The Gentiles will also have Israel as an example. Once again Israel will be God's model nation, but this time they will be successful. Peace will prevail. Every one of the Gentile nations will learn to obey. They shall be ruled over in love, but with a rod of iron. Christ will not tolerate any rebellion during the Millennium. They will be given understanding of the law of God, they will be taught that which God expects of them. The Holy Spirit, however, will not be made available to them until the Last Great Day time period.

While the world cries “peace” but does nothing, God's people today are learning the causes of peace. We are in a temporary situation, pictured by “living in booths” during the annual Feast of Tabernacles.

This is also a reminder of ancient Israel's 40-year sojourn in the wilderness. They lived in temporary dwellings during that time, and God wants us to remember these things (Deut. 8:2). Israel's 40 years of wandering was meant to be only temporary, until all of the rebellious generation were dead. The rebellious generation in the wilderness is a type of all carnal rebellious people in the world today.

God commanded Israel to live in booths during the Feast of Tabernacles to represent the Millennium as a period in which conditions are still temporary. And we are told today to come out of this world, which is only temporary, and to look to a time of permanence and peace. We are looking to a 1000-year rest from Satan's rule and a complete reorganization of government under God's rule. It will be a family government, and we will be that family government, leading and teaching the physical humans on earth during this period. As we come to understand God's plan, it becomes easy to realize why men cannot find peace in the world today.

“**And the way of peace have they not known.**”
Because – **“There is no fear of God before their eyes... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:17-18,23).**

Yes, peace escapes this world because so few understand the plan of God. We are all human, temporal on this earth. This life now, is not REAL LIFE. Only God has real life, eternal life, and He wants to give it to us. Can we picture now in our minds and by our actions the freedom and peace that will be available when God removes this evil society and replaces it

with His?

God's Holy Spirit will change the nature of man, but we can look forward to a time when the nature of animals will also be changed.

“**The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them... and the lion shall eat straw like the ox... They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea (Is. 11:6-9).**

What peace there shall be, even in the animal kingdom. We all know lions are meat eaters – they kill other animals to survive. But God will alter their digestive system so they will be able to receive nourishment from vegetation. Animals and humans will no longer wish to harm or destroy others. This can only happen by a miracle from God, and gives us a tremendous reason to rejoice and prepare for this time of world peace. We should, with our Godly knowledge, be lifted to a higher plane of enthusiasm in worship of our great God.

As we have said, peace will only come through the government of God. So what will this government be like? Power will be given to God's saints; they will rule under Christ. It will not be democracy, or socialism, or communism, or fascism. It will not be man's government over man. It will be a divine government--the government of God ruling over His family, government from the top (God) down. Because God is the Supreme Ruler, His govern-

ment will be perfectly organized, and it will be permanent. No need for voting, no elections, no campaigning, no politicians. There will be no rebellion. God cannot be overthrown, and Satan proved that. Every member of the God family will have proved during their physical lifetime, in advance, that they will always serve God no matter what.

Because of this leadership from the top down--God's very own standard of leadership--we will enter a period of time when the whole world will be at peace and free from fear. No fear of war, of food shortages, of wild animals, of darkened streets, of deformed babies. We are “our brother's keeper.” We will be taught the principle of personal responsibility. If someone should be careless and God allows an accident to happen to teach a lesson, the miraculous healing power of Christ will be ever available.

No, peace will not come easily; it will take effort, but it will come! It will come because of strong government. But it will be strong *benevolent* family government. However, one kind of fear will remain.

“**And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and their children after them (Jer. 32:38-39).**

Most people never have this right kind of fear. We should fear to disobey God always. War is a learned activity; it is the opposite of peace and will not be allowed in God's Kingdom.

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5 Proofs that Matthew 24:14 Has Been Fulfilled!

by Robert Ardis

The scripture that God's apostle, Herbert W. Armstrong, most commonly used to describe his breathtaking commission was Matthew 24:14. This scripture states:

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then 5119 shall the end5056 come.

Mr. Armstrong's commission was to proclaim the Gospel to the world. He was the man that God used to restore to the world the fantastic news of the coming Kingdom of God. He was the man God used to pave the way for Jesus Christ's return and the setting up of the Kingdom of God. Through Mr. Armstrong we were given the understanding of the wonderful world tomorrow, man's incredible human potential, and so very much more spiritual knowledge! This amazing knowledge is still understood and taught by most of

the divided and splintered churches that have come out of the former Worldwide Church of God.

What is not understood by most of these groups is that Herbert Armstrong fulfilled his commission—the Great Commission! He successfully proclaimed as a witness to all nations the True Gospel--and the end did come!

Most do not understand that last phrase in Matthew 24:14: “...and then shall the end come.” What “end” is meant here? Let's see what God's meaning really is.

PROOF #1

The word “end” in Matthew 24:14 is #5056 in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, and is defined as follows:

to set out for a *definite point* or *goal*; *the point aimed at as a limit*; *the conclusion of an act or state*; *the goal reached or accomplished.*

The question is: What “definite goal” is being “aimed at” in verse 14? Is it stating a) *that the goal of proclaiming the true Gospel to the world, as a definite point aimed at, was completed?* or... b) *that the end of the world would come?*

Observe verse 3, where the disciples ask our Lord a question about the “end”:

“And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the endG4930 of the world?G165

Notice that “end” in verse 3 is not #5056, but #4930! Strong's defines #4930 as: “sunteleia—From G4931; *entire completion*, that is, *consummation* (of a dispensation): - *end*.”

Number 4930 is used six times in the New Testament, always in the phrase “*the end of the world* [or age, #165].” If the “end” in verse 14 referred “*to the end of the world*,” wouldn't #4930 be used instead of #5056?

However, #4930 is not used! That in itself is proof #1, and it should be evident that “end” in verse 14 is concerned with the subject at hand—the *GOAL of successfully completing the proclamation of the Gospel to the world*—NOT the “end of the world”! Matthew 24:14 was fulfilled by Herbert W. Armstrong!

PROOF #2

Number 5056 is used 42 times in 41 verses in the New Testament. Matthew 24:6 is one of these places, but let's read verses 4-8:

“ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end G5056 is not yet.

“ For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Verse 6 cautions “*that you be not troubled*” at hearing the warnings in those verses. It explains that these troubles are NOT the *end* or *completion* of the distress to come. Verse 8 ominously declares that the deep troubles mentioned are only the beginning of sorrows. The description of the *sorrows* continues in verses 9-12, warning of unusually difficult times to come.

“ Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Let’s add portions of Mark and Luke’s accounts of the same Olivet Prophecy in order to more easily follow the time order. Mark 13:8-9 warns of the *times of sorrow*, and is similar to Matthew’s description:

“ For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows. But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

Luke 21:12 places the time more specifically:

“ But before all these [the *beginnings of sorrows*], they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name’s sake.

Then Mark 13:10 nails it down:

“ And the gospel must FIRST be published among all nations...

“FIRST”! First—before what? Isn’t it plainly declaring that the Gospel must FIRST be proclaimed to all nations BEFORE the beginning of sorrows?

Yes, absolutely! Before the “beginning of sorrows” start, the GOSPEL will FIRST be proclaimed to all nations! The GOAL—the *end*—of preaching the Gospel to the world will be completed before “the beginning of sorrows”—that is what the Word of God plainly states. And any former member of the WCG should understand that the “beginning of sorrows” happens years BEFORE the “end of the world” comes.

That is proof #2--that the Gospel would FIRST be preached to all

nations for a witness, BEFORE the times of sorrows begin. The proclaiming of the Gospel to the world was concluded in 1986!

PROOF #3

Proof #3 that Herbert Armstrong finished the Great Commission... that act, that job, that commission – the GOAL was achieved!

Proof #3 that Herbert Armstrong finished the Great Commission is found in the word “then” as seen in the last phrase of Matthew 24:14: “and then G5119 shall the end G5056 come.” The proper definition of “then” applied in that phrase lends more credence to the new understanding of Matthew 24:14. “Then” is Strong’s #5119, and is defined as: “tote: From (the neuter of) G3588 and G3753; ‘the when,’ that is, ‘at the time that’ (of the past or future, *also in consecution*): - ‘that time.’ ‘then’.”

The definition of “consecution” by Webster’s New International Dictionary is: “1. Logical sequence; chain of reasoning. 2. Succession; series; **sequence, as of events.**”

With this in mind, Matthew 24:14 could read as follows: The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and “at that time” (The “logical sequence of events” would mean that “once it had been done”) the act of preaching was completed—the proclamation came to an end!

Matthew 24:14 clearly shows that the goal of proclaiming the Gospel to the world was successfully concluded. The point aimed at was reached! Once Mr. Armstrong preached the Gospel to the entire world, at that time, “THEN” the completion of that act was accom-

plished! Plain and simple!

How clear and easy to see—for those who want to believe what the Bible says! Mr. Armstrong's commission was to preach the Gospel to the world, and once he finished that WORK—that act, that job, that commission—the GOAL was achieved!

PROOF #4

Zechariah 4:9 reinforces the fact (and is proof #4) that Mr. Armstrong finished his COMMISSION:

“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house [or Temple]; his hands shall also finish it.

This scripture tells us that Zerubbabel's (and in duality, Mr. Armstrong's) hands would finish the Temple—one physically and the other spiritually. Zech. 4:9 is emphasizing the fact that Mr. Armstrong was the one to FINISH the spiritual Temple.

The Work of “his hands” produced the thousands of called and chosen brethren selected by God the Father as part of the spiritual Temple represented by the Worldwide Church of God membership at Mr. Armstrong's death (1 Cor. 3:16-17; II Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:21). The hands of Herbert Armstrong, as the spiritual Zerubbabel, FINISHED the spiritual temple! The final numbers of the called and chosen **144,000 Firstfruits** (Rev. 14:1-5), or “building blocks” of the temple, had been called through that great WORK!

As is clearly brought out in Chapter Two of the CGF book, *Set Apart by Truth*, all of us were called by God, either directly or indirectly, through the ministry of Mr. Armstrong to be part of the 144,000

firstfruits. I repeat, Mr. Armstrong COMPLETED the Temple. He, himself, has gone on record as having made that statement. You can hear it in Mr. Armstrong's sermon of February 1981, or write us for a transcript.

However, it must be understood that since the Temple has been completed, it means that no one else would be called into the Church (the spiritual Temple) from the point of Mr. Armstrong's death 25 years ago, EXCEPT for a few from the “streets and the lanes of the city,” and some from the “highways and the hedges.” Scripture clearly shows that those who are expending their efforts to preach the Gospel to the world again are involved in a futile endeavor! The world is not being called at this time! The DIVIDED churches are where the effort needs to be focused. They need to be in UNITY and LIKEMINDED, as scripture demands!

“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves (Phil. 2:2-3).

Mr. Armstrong also taught us that the Bible uses the principle of “duality.” Duality is used as type and anti-type of people, places, or things in the Bible. Mr. Armstrong was a type of Elijah and Zerubbabel. Most members of the WCG believed Mr. Armstrong filled these roles while he was living. Duality is also used in regard to places; for example, the city of Jerusalem and the new Heavenly Jerusalem. And duality is used in regard to events. There can be a physical application

as well as a spiritual application, historical and prophetic, past and future.

The scriptures in the Olivet Prophecy, which describe the **beginning of sorrows**, were fulfilled in type prior to Jerusalem's destruction in 70 AD, but their focus is mainly on the great end-time prophetic fulfillment of these events, which have only recently begun to happen—again, type and anti-type.

Consider also the following: In the past 25 years since the death of Herbert Armstrong, the Church has been attacked by Satan and has lived through a **spiritual** type of the **beginning of sorrows**!

Notice that many of the same *sorrows* mentioned in the Olivet Prophecy are recorded in a spiritual type in James 4:1-3:

“From whence come wars and fightings among you? [Wars and fightings—or wars and rumors of war—haven't we seen this in the divided ranks of the scattered churches] **come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?**

In the past 25 years, haven't we seen false prophets arise? Haven't there been many afflictions and persecutions brought upon many of God's people? Hasn't there been a spiritual famine of new truth within the churches that are still in a 1986 frame of mind? Hasn't the love of many waxed cold—for one another and for the WORK of God?

“Ye lust, and have not: ye kill...and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war [Does this picture the strife and contentions among the churches? See Matt. 5:21-22. “Let there be NO DIVISIONS AMONG YOU,”

1Cor. 1:10-13], yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

And James 4:4 is a spiritual bombshell when it is finally admitted that the proclamation of the Gospel to the world has already been accomplished:

“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

Those are strong words, indeed, and can be applied to the **wooing of the world** by the many split and splintered churches as they endeavor to take the Gospel to the world—when God is NOT calling the world! Christ has finished that mighty WORK! It is over and done. Therefore, the efforts of the competing churches preaching to the world are an exercise in futility.

We who have been called and chosen must now LIVE the Gospel message, seeking to “grow up into Christ is ALL things” (Eph. 4:15). The begotten brethren must be made ready and be UNITED in one true Church! The Church of God’s Faithful (CGF) is promoting UNITY among the brethren as we attempt to awaken the sleeping churches—the “lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matt. 25:1-13 and 10:6-8). We are proclaiming, “**the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand**”—“**the Bridegroom has come**” (Matt. 10:6-8)! It is later than you might have realized! Please request or download our booklet, *The Day of the Lord*.

PROOF #5

At the death of the end-time Eli-

jah/Zerubbabel, there were nearly 100,000 baptized members in the WCG. During the past 25 years there apparently has been NO GROWTH in the total number of the combined members in all of the DIVIDED churches! The total number has DECREASED! The work of these split and splintered churches has been **fruitless** in this regard because **God is not calling the world.**

There are a number of second-generation children and other persons who have had exposure to the WORK of the WCG and Mr. Armstrong before and after his death. Some were *Plain Truth* subscribers or regular viewers of *The World Tomorrow*. They might have taken the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course*, or in some way were acquainted with the WORK. These are most of the ones who have responded during the past 25 years. They are from “**the streets and lanes of the city,**” and have been called to REPLACE those who have thoughtlessly thrown away their crowns (See Luke 14:21-23 and Rev. 3:11)!

And there is another special group that God has “waiting in the wings” from the “highways and the hedges” for additional REPLACEMENTS when needed. This group has never had an association with Mr. Armstrong or any of the work of the WCG—but they are well known by God!

Allow me to present my **estimated numbers**, on the high side, of members of the scattered churches. The following is the most I can come up with:

Worldwide Church of God	20,000*
United Church of God	20,000*
Living Church of God	10,000
Restored Church of God	7,000
Philadelphia Church of God	6,000

Ten other churches with 1000 each	10,000
100 other churches with 100 members each	10,000
200 other churches with 10 members each	2,000
Those with no affiliation	5,000
TOTAL.....	90,000

These numbers are a generous estimate, but it tells me that there has been NO GROWTH from the efforts of the DIVIDED churches going to the world! *I added an asterisk by the WCG estimated numbers because I wonder about those who have rejected the Sabbath and the Holy Days, who have adopted the “trinity” and other worldly doctrines—should they even be counted? Also, I placed an asterisk by the UCG due to their recent fragmenting—again!

At the death of God’s servant in 1986, the WCG was highly organized, loaded with talent and financial resources and poised to continue taking the Gospel to the world. Nevertheless, that WORK had already been successfully done. God was no longer calling the world! Just look around! The WCG no longer exists!

Jesus Christ had the Gospel proclaimed to the world as a witness to all nations by Herbert W. Armstrong, and then the end of that proclamation came—and the world is NOT being called, as seen in this proof #5!

Since the preaching of the Gospel was completed by the time of Mr. Armstrong’s death—what was left for the Church to do? Mr. Armstrong stated in several letters just prior to his death that **the Gospel had been preached to the world!** His last instruction to Joseph Tkach, his successor, was: “I have reached world leaders; **your job is**

completed—the preaching to the world was over and done. Now the job was to get the Church ready—to strive for PERFECTION as the BRIDE of CHRIST—to be the FIRSTFRUITS!

God's apostle, in the last weeks of his life, told the man who was to become his successor: "I have gone to world leaders! You must get the Church ready!"

However, the split and splintered churches coming out of the corrupted WCG could not accept the fact that the preaching to the world had ended. Therefore the preaching of the Gospel to the world (again) became their primary undertaking, although Christ had completed that WORK—and the world is NOT being called at this time.

to get the Church ready!"

Getting the Church READY was Mr. Tkach's responsibility, and he failed miserably—in fact, Satan, through this "man of sin," caused the "falling away" from truth! When Mr. Tkach failed his commission, Gerald Flurry was raised up as the leader of the seventh church era, Laodicea, and he was commissioned to warn the WCG of turning away from truth (Rev. 3:20). However, after seven years, Mr. Flurry also turned from his commission and began to compete for members with the newly formed *daughter churches* coming out of the WCG. Those churches began preaching to the world again, instead of seeking UNITY and one ACCORD. Preaching to the world is a completely futile task and an imitation of the WORK Jesus Christ already completed through Herbert Armstrong (see our booklets, *The Midnight Cry* and *The Apostasy*).

The springing up of 300+ churches and groups claiming to be Christ's

It is amazing to me that the wonderful accomplishment of completing the great commission given him is not recognized by the DIVIDED churches out there today. Herbert W. Armstrong taught all of us the true Gospel. He taught us about the Holy Sabbath day and the annual Sabbaths that reveal the fantastic plan of God—man's incredible human potential. He made the Millennium and the Last Great Day come alive in our minds!


Mr. Armstrong taught us hundreds of TRUTHs, and I love and respect him very much. In this Seventy Seventh year since the introduction of *The World Tomorrow* and *The Plain Truth*; we wish to honor that great man the best way we can. We will dedicate this issue of *The Midnight*

churches has only caused CONFUSION and DIVISION. Christ is NOT DIVIDED—but those churches definitely are (I Cor. 1:10-13). The prime objective of having ALL of the Church UNITED and READY—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:17)—has been ignored by the scattered churches that are now labeled by Jesus Christ as **the synagogues of Satan** (Rev. 3:9). But now you know, through the FIVE PROOFS given in this article, that the Gospel was successfully proclaimed to the world by God's servant Herbert W. Armstrong! Our calling was made possible through the true Gospel, and the spiritual Temple was completed. Now the

Cry to the memory of this great man of God. And in this issue we will bring the TRUTH of his great accomplishment—that none of the DIVIDED churches that I am aware of will dare to admit. Our article *Five Proofs of the Fulfillment of Matthew 24:14* is plain truth to our readers that the Great Commission was successfully completed by Herbert W. Armstrong and the attempt by the DIVIDED churches today of going to the world again is an act of rebellion and futility.

Please read, study and prove all things!

Your brother in Christ,



sleeping churches must be awakened, UNITED and made READY.

Please see our article, "**Why Christ Calls Them the Synagogue of Satan**," which is available for downloading from our website, www.setapartbytruth.org, at the following link, http://www.setapartbytruth.org/en/articles/article_27.html. Or we will be happy to send it to you upon request.

Let me repeat once more, the Gospel has been successfully proclaimed to the world as a witness—now the Church must be UNITED and made READY—and it will be! Do not be discouraged—Christ is in charge and things are getting ready to change! ❖

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by Robert Ardis

What a world we live in! The three “r’s” we were taught in grammar school were “reading, ‘riting, and ‘rithmetic”! But today they seem to be “rebellions,” “riots,” and “re-volts”! Violence is happening everywhere! It sure seems that anything that can happen is happening—and we have been warned that some BAD times are coming!

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in Matthew 24:21-22, issued a very serious warning that concerns everyone on the face of the earth today:

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved...

The *Great Tribulation* is coming! That is a fact stated by Christ! So, shouldn’t we wonder how close we are to that terrible time? Or is it possible for us to *know*?

If you have accessed our website and viewed the videos titled “The Countdown” and “Whoso Reads...Let Him Understand” you might have been shocked that we state, in a very detailed timeline, that the Great Tribulation could have begun on *April 6, 2009*. But, thankfully, it did not happen at that time! It was NOT God’s *time* for the *Tribulation* to begin on April 6, 2009!

We, the Church of God’s Faithful, had also previously presented a timeline for the years 2005 through 2009, and it too was incorrect. And our latest timeline for the years 2009 to 2013 has proven to be in error. Time has proven our timelines to be wrong!

Does that mean that I am a false prophet? That I am attempting to deceive you? You really need to ask that question because there is a lot of deception out there in the wilderness of religious confusion.

Our Lord and Savior also tells us in Luke 21:36:

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”

And He states in Matthew 24:15:

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation [What is that?], spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place [Remember, Jerusalem is not a holy place, according to Rev. 11:8, where it plainly refers to Jerusalem as “Sodom and Egypt.”], (whoso readeth, let him understand):...”

So, Christ tells us that we need to UNDERSTAND!

Jesus Christ is telling His faithful ones to:

1) WATCH—Watch world events as they evolve into the fulfilled prophecies of the Bible and especially of the prophet Daniel.

2) PRAY—that we might be *proven worthy* to escape ALL those things that will surely come to pass, including the ride of the four horse-men, the precursor of this worst time ever on earth.

3) UNDERSTAND—the numbered prophecies of Daniel!

Daniel’s prophecies involve important numbered days that are given to us to make it possible to UNDERSTAND the end-time plan of Almighty God.

The numbered days are 1335, 1290, 1260, 1150! Do you know *how* to apply these *days*? Has your minister explained these *days* to you?

Christ tells us to WATCH, PRAY, and UNDERSTAND!

That is exactly what we try to do in the CGF! That is *why* I have left our videos on our website.

If you watch both videos again, although the events of the timeline did *not* happen as we indicated they could have, it is still astonishing how the numbered days and God’s Holy Days coincide so perfectly. In rare instances there are exactly 1335 days between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Pentecost over 3½ years later. This has occurred recently in the years 2005-2009 and 2008-2012—thus

our “timelines.”

It is easily proven from God’s Word that the First Resurrection will happen on a future Feast of First-fruits—Pentecost. Therefore, these rare patterns of years provide clues to the time of some very important future events as is seen in Daniel’s prophecies. When the numbered days and the Holy Days coincide, God is showing us something! It is really *amazing!*

Go back and review the timeline, and you will see WHY we had to present the information displayed there. If we had not issued that warning and it had been the time God intended—a lot of *blood* would be on our hands!

Ezekiel 33:8-9 reveals a *principle* that I or any minister who *understands* even the *possibility* of the Tribulation being imminent must apply:

“When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his BLOOD will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

That rule applies to the “righteous” or the “wicked” as Ezekiel 3:20 declares:

“Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his BLOOD will

I require at thine hand.

So, I hope you realize we have lovingly warned and will continue to warn God’s people about the urgency of the times we live in.

God’s end-time apostle, Herbert W. Armstrong, was well aware of these verses in Ezekiel. Mr. Armstrong was scoffed at and accused of being a false prophet for his warnings about *1975 in Prophecy!* Many people became terribly upset when 1972-1975 came and went and “the end” did not come. Christ did not return in 1975!

When the expected “end” did not come, it did not cause me to think for a moment that Mr. Armstrong was a false prophet! Not at all! The scriptures he referred to in establishing the time frame of 1975 made perfect sense to me—but he was approximately 40 years ahead of time. The same scripture verses he used will definitely be fulfilled in the near future—but what if 1975 had been right? Mr. Armstrong was a faithful servant of God and cried aloud the warning message. He would have no one’s blood on his hands!

The great apostles, Peter, James, and Paul, in their early writings, each taught the brethren of their day that “the end of all things was near,” that “the coming of the Lord was nigh at hand.”

“But the END of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer (1Pet. 4:7).

“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the COMING of the LORD draweth nigh (Js. 5:8).

Paul believed that he would be “alive and remain until the coming of the Lord.”

“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN UNTO THE COMING OF THE LORD shall not prevent them which are asleep (1Thess. 4:15).

Of course, they learned differently later and each died in the faith!

And these same scriptures are taught in faith today. When those verses are connected to other clear instructions of our Lord and Master, like the last phrase of Matthew 24:15, “*Whoso Reads... Let Him Understand,*” we of the CGF follow the examples of those great men and expound those words of God that create a sense of URGENCY!

And one way we do this is through updating the *timelines!*

Also, please request or download our booklets, *Whoso Reads... Let Him Understand* and *The Plain Truth About God’s Calendar.*

When our timelines are viewed as we intend, they produce the positive effect of a sense of urgency to help make the bride ready!

We have carefully explained that our timelines were “possibilities”—they were never intended to be “set in stone.” Nevertheless, we have had members and co-workers who were attracted to us by the timelines, who became offended and left us when the end-time events did not happen! The same thing happened in the 1972-1975 era, too.

But consider this—*what if we had been correct?* What if the Great Tribulation had begun on April 6, 2009, and multiple millions would have already died, and millions of others would be, at this time, in the process of slowly dying? Where would you be? What would your life be like today? How about your loved

ones—where would they be?

And it could have happened—the numbered days and the Holy Days all amazingly coincided. All God had to do was “snap His fingers,” and every prophecy could have been fulfilled!

Now, look around at the world! That is bad enough, but, also observe the shameful condition of the *divided* and scattered churches. God’s Word plainly shouts out that there should be no *divisions* among us:

I Corinthians 1:10 cries out:

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you [yet we see over 300 churches or groups that have come out of the old Worldwide Church of God]; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

What would you have done if the *timeline* had been correct? Would you have fled to *Petra* with your congregation, as part of the *divided* and confused churches? That would be tantamount to jumping out of the frying pan into the fire.

The Bible clearly shows that the ancient, rose-red city of Petra will be a “place of slaughter” not a “place of safety”! You do not want to go there, as these scriptures show:

Listen to Jeremiah 49:17-18:

“Also Edom [This is modern Jordan, where Petra is located] shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. As in the overthrow of SODOM AND GOMORRAH and

the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

You do not want to go there!

And Isaiah 34:5-6 adds this:

“For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea [Greek for Edom], and upon the people of my curse, to judgment... for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah [ancient chief city of Edom], and a GREAT SLAUGHTER in the land of Idumea.

The Bible gives a clear indication where the place of safety is—and it sure is NOT Petra! Have you studied the question of the place of safety? Would you actually follow your “church leader” to PETRA—a place that will suffer similar destruction to Sodom and Gomorrah?

What would the disagreeing “church leaders” do if the different DIVIDED CHURCHES actually went there—before Petra is destroyed? Wouldn’t they fight and war among themselves, arguing about who would be *the* leader? Sure they would!

Our booklet, *Petra: Place of Safety or Place of Slaughter*, and our articles and sermons on the subject of the place of safety, are available to either download from our website, or send us your request for them. And please watch our video, “*Where is the Place of Safety?*” I think you will be glad you did!

The place of safety is going to be an urgent *need* in the near future. Our timelines have NOT come to pass in the past, but I repeat—they could have! Daniel’s numbered days and God’s Holy Days all “dove-tailed” perfectly—but it was not quite the

time! At least we tried to UNDERSTAND! And be assured that we will continue to provide these timelines because Jesus Christ says, “*Whosoever reads let him UNDERSTAND!*”!

Therefore, I truly hope you understand that I am NOT a false prophet trying to get something out of you! No! We are only trying to help everyone to have a deep sense of urgency—for really, time is much shorter than you realize. The Tribulation is nearer than you think!

Do you realize the “man of sin” of II Thessalonians 2 has come and gone, while most of the scattered churches still wait for this person to appear?

Do you understand that the “great falling away” from the true doctrines of God, prophesied in II Thessalonians 2, has already occurred?

And do you realize that the spiritual application of the “abomination standing in the Holy Place” is happening right now—today!

Please consider what I am saying! Things could be much later that you think!

We believe and teach the above points of provable truth, and hope you will seriously study these very vital points. And I sincerely say to you that you should *not* believe anything the CGF or *anyone* else teaches on any subject until you PROVE it from your Bible—but then believe your Bible with all your heart!

Please give us credit for diligently *watching* and *warning* about the URGENCY of the times. And continue to *watch* for our *timelines* that will be updated as we scrutinize each coming year! These are perilous Bible times in which we live and it is later than you think!

The Church of God’s Faithful will have *NO BLOOD ON ITS HANDS!* ❖

THE REVIVAL OF THE CHURCH OF GOD!

by J.R. Cabangbang

“ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment (1 Cor. 1:10).

The apostle Paul exhorted the Corinthian brethren to avoid the divisions sprouting among themselves. Corinth at that time was a very large, busy and immoral city, its environs having corrupted to some degree the morality and conduct of the early Christians there. Strife, contention, division and confusion have existed among God's people, even in the early foundational times of the New Testament Church. And the spirit of Corinth billows today in the “churches of god,” or the “synagogues of Satan” (Rev. 3:9). That revealing biblical label comes directly from Christ in all His authoritative power! And that name is viewed by those to whom it applies as an enraging epithet that is strongly despised.

A Warning Commission

“ Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed

the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are feed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them (Ezek. 34:2-6).

The words “YE” and “SHEPHERDS” are emphatically used fifteen times in these verses. The “shepherds” the LORD mentions here have stigmatized the work God began by His end-time apostle, Herbert W. Armstrong. Following Mr. Armstrong's death, “the great falling away” from truth occurred, and the result is DIVISION and CONFUSION among the brethren of God! Christ points His finger at those hireling ministers in a stern and dire warning that requires their acknowledgement (Ezek. 34:10)!

These and other plain scriptures expose the overwhelming failure of those whom God made overseers

of His Spirit-begotten children (Acts 20:28). Many of the modern-day “shepherds of Israel” have desired the preeminent position just as Diotrophes did (3 Jn. 9), resulting in divided and contentious churches and groups. Woe be unto them (Ezek. 34:2)!

The *hireling ministers* have caused God's flock to become confused, scattered, and divided (Jer. 50:6). The main objective of most of the larger splits is to, once again, take the gospel to the world—a futile and unnecessary work, since God is not calling the world now! They are attempting to duplicate the commission that had been thoroughly fulfilled by Mr. Armstrong in his 50+ years of ministry (Matt. 24:14).

Jesus Christ used His servant to take the gospel to the entire world as a witness to all nations, thus completing the spiritual temple. At the close of his ministry, all of the firstfruits had been called (Rev. 14:1-5), and Zechariah 4:9 had also been fulfilled. Therefore, after Herbert Armstrong's death, the primary goals of the Church should have been to get the Church into complete UNITY and prepared to be the bride of Christ.

Resentment and anger toward the Church of God's Faithful (CGF) has been generated by our identifying the *synagogues of Satan* as the divided and scattered daughter churches that have come out of the old mother church, the Worldwide Church of God. That stunning truth and the “Five Proofs that

Matthew 24:14 Has Been Fulfilled” have stirred up wrathful responses from the scattered churches—but at least it got their attention.

The wonderful new truths God has given to the CGF had been blithely ignored by the churches! They brushed aside easily proven, vital, new truths, presented by the true servants of Christ. Those urgent truths have been vehemently rejected by them. Those truths were scoffed at and rejected by the “shepherds that God is against” (Ezek. 13:8); thus, they have much to answer for. And it is imperative for the CGF to diligently proclaim the sublime truths revealed by our Head—Jesus Christ (II Pet. 3:18).

In his open letter to the ministry of the “churches of god,” the pastor-general of the CGF, Robert Ardis, has echoed Christ’s demand for total UNITY within the Church. The Lord Jesus Christ, before ascending to Heaven, prayed for the Church to be in one accord, even as He and the Father are one (Jn. 17:11). However, confusion and division have been permanent conditions within God’s Church since the death of Mr. Armstrong.

The CGF has been entrusted with a commission to “prophesy again” (Rev. 10:11)! Thus, our warning has gone forth to Gerald Flurry and his Laodicean PCG that are “standing in the INNER COURT,” yet are involved in “abominations” (Ezek. 8:16)! The CGF is issuing the *Midnight Cry* and is beginning to be heard by the “sleeping virgins” of Matthew 25:1-13 as they begin to awaken. Time is much later than most suspect, and the bride of Christ must be made ready.

Mr. Ardis, in a recent letter, posed a bold and urgent question to the ministers of the scattered church-

es, paving the way for the REVIVAL of God’s Church. His question: “WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR ALL OF US TO UNITE UNDER CHRIST?”

Failure to acknowledge this question, or even a tepid response, delays the formation and appearance of the symbolic woman of Revelation 12:14. Certainly, all prophecies must be fulfilled before this great event becomes a reality, but shouldn’t all of our efforts be directed toward UNIFYING under Christ, in order to escape the now-emerging demonic and horrifying beast power and the Great Tribulation!

“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Verse 17 strongly informs any of the divided churches that “*keep the Commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ,*” but refuse to come together in humble UNITY as part of the woman, that they will face Satan the devil in the Great Tribulation!

The living Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, does things on time, and according to God’s will and plan. He has provided the CGF with open doors, that we may reach our startled brethren who are ensnared in the split and splintered churches and waiting to be rescued (Rev. 3:8-9). Some of these churches are in dire straits, as major offshoots of the former WCG continue to crumble. Their leaders have experimented with governmental structures that are diametrically opposed to God’s government. Thankfully, some are waking up to the stark truth that confusion is not of God. Christ is warning these proud and vainglori-

ous shepherds, as the CGF “sighs and cries” for them (Ezek. 9:4).

The prophet Malachi has foretold the fate of those ministers, unless repentance is quickly forthcoming:

“And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness” (Mal. 3:3).

The Wind of Change!

Mr. Ardis’ vision is to see the UNITY of the woman of Revelation 12 become a reality! The churches must be awakened and have the confusion removed—at least among the “wise” virgins. The CGF envisions the endtime prophecies rapidly unfolding, fuelled by a strong sense of urgency to follow Christ’s commands and directions.

This year, 2011, has marked the 25th anniversary of the death of Herbert W. Armstrong. A quarter of a century has swiftly passed, with the brethren of God mired in deception and confusion. The apostasy has stealthily taken its toll through the “man of sin” who sat in the temple of God and caused the *great falling away* (2 Thes. 2:3). Satan has performed “lying wonders” in deceiving and enslaving most of God’s people who have not grown *in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ* (2 Pet. 3:18). As of now, these daughter churches are still slumbering and sleeping—but they will be awakened through the *Midnight Cry*: “BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM! COME YE FORTH TO MEET HIM” (Matt. 25:6).

The “churches of god” are at a crossroads, and they urgently need clear vision. Shocking new under-

standing has been revealed to the scattered churches that should open their sleepy eyes to grasp the URGENCY of the times and hasten reform. Church UNITY is absolutely necessary at this precise moment, as a surge of fulfillment of biblical prophecy comes to light on our television screens each night.

Pages of prophesied world events are seen unfurling in the media today. The CGF is watching and praying for reformation in the scattered churches. The CGF is being prepared by Christ as His “sheep-fold” to receive the exodus of the soon-to-be-liberated “flock” of brethren tragically trapped in the “synagogues of Satan.” The “wise” virgins will have a spiritual awakening, but the “foolish” will be spewed into the “greatest time of trouble,” ever! This thought must be upper-most in everyone’s considerations—your eternal life or death is at stake!

The CGF has “cried and sighed” for all of you, and we hope our tears will be “wiped dry” by your awakening! If not, you will soon find yourselves “crying and sighing” for not listening! Christ is about to use the kind of “language” you will finally understand!

Our Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, demands unity among His ministry and His sheep. This unprecedented opportunity is extended to the ministers of the scattered churches, for the unification and consolidation of the Church, just prior to our departure to the place of safety. Stonewalling may hamper Christ’s efforts, but it will not prevent them.

Mr. Ardis asserted in his letter: “I WOULD LOVE TO SEE AGAIN, A NEW AND BETTER WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD, COMPLETELY

UNITED IN TRUTH, FEEDING THE FLOCK AND BRINGING GLORY TO GOD.”

The time is NOW! All things are ready, as Luke 14:16-17 declares. The table has been set. Christ has issued a precious invitation and is waiting for the chairs to be filled! Excuses are not tolerated! Those who refuse to come will be REPLACED!

Twenty-five years ago, a pivotal prophecy was fulfilled. The hands of an end-time Zerrubabel, Herbert W. Armstrong, had finished the spiritual temple (Zech. 4:9). However, after his death, that temple was ferociously attacked by Satan. The temple was shattered and scattered, and the results are seen today in the 300+ divided churches and groups—but Christ is in charge!

Haggai 2:9 declares the wonderful HOPE that lies ahead:

“The glory of this latter house [the spiritual temple] shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts...”

Herbert Armstrong successfully accomplished all that he was commissioned to do. Now we must ALL yield ourselves to Christ, minister and member alike, as “lively stones” (1 Pet. 2:5) and “pillars” (Rev. 3:12) that the LATTER HOUSE can be finished.

There WILL be a REVIVAL of the CHURCH of GOD (Rev. 3:9)! ❖

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(cont. From pg 7) They Cry For Peace

“And shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (Is. 2:4).

No more war because God’s family is united. God wants us to include the whole world in our thinking. Our job is to help Christ give God’s plan to the world. If we, God’s people, keep this magnificent plan to ourselves, then we will have failed. We need to have a world view. We need to keep in mind that this way of life, a way that leads to peace, is for every human who has ever lived. We should be getting our mind off of self and looking at where we can best serve God and man.

We are involved in very serious world-shaking events. Ours is a serious business. However, let us rejoice, lift up our hearts, stir up the Spirit, understanding that God’s awesome plan is for all mankind. We are the firstfruits. We have a great reward. But also a great responsibility and a greater condemnation if we fail!

But we are not going to fail. This is a marvellous work and a wonder, so let’s continue to hold fast to what we have been taught “from the beginning,” and continue to promote peace in our individual lives.

This we can do, and we look forward to the time when peace will be throughout this world. It won’t come easily, but because of God’s plan, it will come. ❖

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Through *The Faithful Watchman*, we endeavor to keep ourselves abreast of how our Lord Jesus Christ is orchestrating the ride of the 4 Horsemen as He sets the scene for the Two Witnesses to begin their 1260 days of prophesying and for the Great Tribulation to begin. Read daily updates to *The Faithful Watchman* online at setapartbytruth.org.

Fatalities hit 100 in Greece due to H1N1 flu

ATHENS, Feb. 21 (Xinhua) -- Fatalities due to the H1N1 flu strain reached 100 in Greece and are expected to further rise by March, as the country is struggling against a wave of seasonal influenza, Greek authorities said on Monday.

According to the latest data released by Health Ministry officials and epidemiologists of the public Center for Disease Control (Keelpno), over the past 24 hours 12 people have died due to the H1N1 strain, which is commonly named swine flu.

Another 127 confirmed cases of the potentially fatal strain are currently hospitalized across Greece.

The average age of patients stands at 54 years and 57 percent of cases are males, according to the statistics.

Noting that the number of hospitalized is almost double compared to last year, local scientists stress that this year most Greeks of high-risk groups, such as elderly people who suffer from chronic diseases, did not get vaccinated.

<http://news.xinhuanet.com/...>

Comment: White Horse, Red horse, Black horse, Pale horse. The four horsemen are riding and the world starts its decline through the seven seals of the apocalyptic book of Revelation. The seven seals are followed by the seven last plagues.

Greece is being hit with this flu strain right now, but much worse is just ahead for this world, and the world generally has no idea, or does not believe, the prophecies contained in the Bible especially in the book of Revelation.

"And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his

name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." Rev 6:8

The fourth seal is pestilence and disease. A quarter of the earth's population will die!

"And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. " Rev 9:15

This is the seventh seal, sixth Trumpet Plague and the second woe. A further one third of humanity will die. If only the world could understand the enormous cost of sin. It is going to take this carnage for mankind to finally realise he cannot go on the way he has been going and get away with it forever.

Many people and countries are suffering from health related problems. Diseases such as what Greece is now experiencing will get much worse before the problem is finally solved by forced obedience to the laws of the Creator.

Libyan protesters brave bullets to close in on Gaddafi

TRIPOLI, Feb 21 (Reuters) - Libyan strongman Muammar Gaddafi will fight a popular revolt to "the last man standing," one of his sons said on Monday as people in the capital joined protests for the first time after days of violent unrest in the eastern city of Benghazi.

Anti-government protesters rallied in Tripoli's streets, tribal leaders spoke out against Gaddafi, and army units defected to the opposition as oil exporter Libya endured one of the bloodiest revolts to convulse the Arab world.

The Voice of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood

He is a hypermarket of dogma, dispensing advice on subjects ranging from mother's milk to suicide bombing. But few have as much influence on Sunni Muslims as the Muslim televangelist Youssef al-Qaradawi. He says what the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt thinks -- and he provides clues to how they might act.

This man is a word machine, a one-man talk show that leaves no subject unexamined. Youssef al-Qaradawi has to talk: about former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, about mothers' milk banks, and about the right of Palestinian women to blow themselves up.

He is a driven man. There are so many decisions to be made in this godforsaken modern age, and yet there is only one mufti, only one Islamic scholar like Qaradawi, who knew the Koran by heart by the time he was 10, only one man who can help the faithful understand the world.

Qaradawi is the father figure of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, the country's best-organized opposition group. The Brotherhood is sure to play a part in deciding what path Egypt will now take.

Qaradawi advocates establishing a "United Muslim Nations" as a contemporary form of the caliphate and the only alternative to the hegemony of the West. He hates Israel and would love to take up arms himself. In one of his sermons, he asked God "to kill the Jewish Zionists, every last one of them."

<http://www.spiegel.de/...>

Comment: Muslim televangelist Youssef al-Qaradawi has powerful media presence as some 60 million Muslims watch him on television every week. It is a shame then that he espouses the belief that Jewish Zionists do not have the right of life asking God in one of his sermons "to kill the Jewish Zionists, every last one of them." Should not a powerful preacher such as this man be teaching people to love one another not hate them to the extreme of killing them?

God knew there would be such men capable of leading others down the wrong path, so He inspired Matthew to write:

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy." Matt 4:43

Men say this, but what does God say?

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; Matt 5:44

It doesn't take much to see what attitude would bring peace to this world. Thankful this is not as the article points out a "godforsaken modern age" but rather an age where men have forsaken God and His Commandments, one of which states that we shouldn't commit murder. It is a pity the voice of Egypt's Muslim brotherhood does not convey this to his 60 million followers.

Debt now equals total U.S. economy

President Obama projects that the gross federal debt will top \$15 trillion this year, officially equaling the size of the entire U.S. economy, and will jump to nearly \$21 trillion in five years' time.

Amid the other staggering numbers in the budget Mr. Obama sent to Congress on Monday, the debt stands out — both because Congress will need to vote to raise the debt limit later this year, and because the numbers are so large.

Mr. Obama's budget said 2011 will see the biggest one-year jump in debt in history, or nearly \$2 trillion in a single year. And the administration says it will reach \$15.476 trillion by Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year, to reach 102.6 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) — the first time since World War II that dubious figure has been reached.

In one often-cited study, two economists have argued that when gross debt passes 90 percent it hinders overall economic growth.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/...>

Comment: How much longer can America go down this road of debt? It is not as if any of it is being paid off, rather it is increasing by leaps and bounds every single day! The figure of 15.476 trillion dollars, the estimation of debt by the end of the fiscal year on 30 Sept, is a figure not easy to comprehend. We can perhaps understand how impossible it is to repay that amount when we realise it represents over 5 million dollars for every man, woman and

child in the land.

God promised Israel, which modern day America is a part of, blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience to His Laws.

“And it shall come to pass if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth...The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.” Deut 28:1, 12

Wonderful blessings would be bestowed upon the nation simply by keeping God’s Commandments.

“But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments...The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.” Deut 28:15, 43-44

The mighty nation of America has been richly blessed by God, but it’s not difficult to see the direction in which it is now heading. What a terrible shame!

Zimbabwe: Harare Descends Into Chaos As Ruling Party Militia Loot Shops

Harare came to a standstill on Monday when a ZANU PF mob engulfed the city in chaos, destroying property worth thousands of dollars, mainly belonging to foreign owned companies.

Our correspondent Simon Muchemwa told us that dozens of shops were looted when the ZANU PF militia went on a rampage, as police details stood by watching ordinary people and shop owners being abused and brutalised. Shops belonging to Zimbabweans were also caught up in the crossfire.

The attacks on foreign nationals could easily be construed as xenophobic, according to our correspondent. Muchemwa said the mob, dressed in ZANU PF regalia, were chanting revolutionary and party songs and did not try to hide their iden-

tity. The marchers were carrying banners aimed against foreigners. Some of them read; ‘No to foreigners controlling our economy’ and ‘Foreigners, sanctions have destroyed our economy so we want to control our wealth.’

Muchemwa went on to say; ‘They wore ZANU PF t-shirts, they were singing ZANU PF songs and waving ZANU PF flags. The group assembled in Mbare where they were bused to the party district offices along 4th Street.

<http://www.african-crisis.co.za/...>

Comment: Riotous behaviour must be condemned, but it can also be understood when one man clings desperately to power and lives in luxury whilst 10 million of his people are living below the poverty line. In Zimbabwe that means they have virtually nothing! The life expectancy for a man is 37, for a woman it is even worse at 34. It is amazing that anyone, except those being paid by him would have voted for the incumbent president Mt Robert Mugabe, and yet with the amount of corruption in the nation anything can happen.

Proverbs tells us that the rich and poor stand side by side and the Eternal is the maker of them all. (Prov 22:2) Unfortunately some of the rich are found to oppress the poor, something that God is not pleased about, and is in fact an insult to the Eternal God our maker.

“He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor. Prov 14:31

The leaders in Zimbabwe have stated that if Mr Mugabe gave instructions to the Police to act decisively on violence it will end instantaneously. Whether they like it or not, those in power have a duty to those under them or else they will have to answer to their maker!

‘Severe Threat’: Deficit May Spark Crisis That Dwarfs 2008 Meltdown

The gaping deficits are threatening the economy to the point they can no longer be ignored by anyone in government and may lead “to a crisis that could dwarf 2008,” 10 former members of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers write in an open letter published by Politico.

The letter, written by former chairmen and chairwomen of the council serving both Republican and

Democratic administrations, say recommendations by budget watchdogs Erskine Bowles and Alan Simpson arguing that the long-run federal budget deficit will pose a serious threat to the economy need much more attention from both political parties. Bowles and Simpson co-chaired the White House's deficit-reduction commission in 2010.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office in January raised its estimate for the annual deficit from \$1.1 trillion to \$1.5 trillion. It said the tax cuts would add \$400 billion to this year's gap. The budget year ends Sept. 30.

The full-year deficit would exceed 2009's record deficit of \$1.41 trillion. And it would mark the third straight year of \$1 trillion-plus deficits.

[http://www.moneynews.com/...](http://www.moneynews.com/)

Comment: With the Western World facing financial meltdown and Portugal likely to need a bail out from the European Union it is refreshing to read the promises of Christ in the book of Isaiah.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; (most of the western economics), come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. (Today we say there is no such thing as a free lunch, but that is what Christ offers us)Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness" Isa 55:1-2

Of course, although it may be a free lunch there are conditions.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa 55:7

That is the only way out of our financial morass. But perhaps that is too simplistic for our modern man!

Radiation Levels Rise in Tokyo Tap Water as New Evacuations Ordered at Nuke Plant

TOKYO – A spike in radiation levels in Tokyo tap water spurred new fears about food safety Wednesday as rising black smoke forced another evacuation of workers trying to stabilize Japan's

radiation-leaking nuclear plant.

Radiation has seeped into vegetables, raw milk, the water supply and seawater since a magnitude-9 quake and killer tsunami crippled the Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant nearly two weeks ago. Broccoli was added to a list of tainted vegetables, and U.S. and Hong Kong officials announced a block on Japanese dairy and some produce from the region.

The crisis is emerging as the world's most expensive natural disaster on record, likely to cost up to \$309 billion, according to a new government estimate. The death toll continued to rise, with more than 9,400 bodies counted and more than 15,600 people listed as missing.

Concerns about food safety spread Wednesday to Tokyo after officials said tap water showed elevated levels: 210 becquerels of iodine-131 per liter of water -- more than twice the recommended limit of 100 becquerels per liter for infants. Another measurement taken later at a different site showed the level was 190 becquerels per liter. The recommended limit for adults is 300 becquerels.

[http://www.foxnews.com/...](http://www.foxnews.com/)

Comment: The misery deepens as Japan struggles with what is emerging as the world's most expensive natural disaster on record as radiation levels reach critical proportions. Officials are trying to downplay the contaminated tap water saying the levels are not an immediate health risk, but who wants to drink radioactive water even if the official line is believed?

To explain that it is just the beginning of sorrows would be very hard to take when you have lost everything including family and friends in the disaster. Their loss is total except for their very life and the clothes they stand up in. Yet, as the Four Horsemen really get into their stride this is indeed only the beginning of many more sorrows!

The horror that follows will mercifully be cut short because of the faith and diligence of a remnant group of God's Servants.

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matt 24:21-22

God speed the day when all disasters will be a thing of the past and mankind will heed the wisdom and benevolence of the mighty Word of God!

Radical Islam on the move in U.S. but multicultural elites say it's no one's business

For decades, Europe has been in the grip of an Islamist assault. Largely ghettoized Muslim populations have become dangerously alienated from the European mainstream. From Paris to Hamburg, Germany, radicalized imams preach the virtues of global jihad. Subway systems in London and Madrid have been bombed; hundreds of civilians have been slaughtered. Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh was murdered.

These atrocities were committed largely by home-grown terrorists — people who were either born or raised in European countries. They felt no loyalty to their homelands. Instead, they considered themselves part of the Muslim ummah, the international Islamic political community. Their religious identity supersedes their national one.

America faces the same kind of threat. Yet when anyone tries to put a spotlight on the growth of domestic Muslim extremism, liberals, Islamic lobby groups and their fellow travelers cry “Islamophobia” and “racism.”

The overwhelming majority of Muslims — both in and outside America — are decent, nonviolent individuals. They want what most people want: to raise their families in dignity without being harassed. Yet there is a significant minority — many experts claim it is between 7 percent and 10 percent of the population — who are radicalized. They seek to erect a global caliphate based on Shariah law. Their goal is to destroy the West. There are more than 1 billion Muslims in the world. Simple math suggests there is a potential army of jihadists out there.

U.S.-born militant Muslims have been waging an internal holy war — one that has received little to no attention in the mainstream media.

<http://www.worldtribune.com/...>

Comment: The cry of “Islamophobia” and “racism” follows anyone who dares to say that the Islamist

assault on western values and religion are a very real threat to our continued peace and prosperity. Even when Muslim extremist bomb our people and cities these “do good|” liberals refuse to acknowledge that we are in an ideological struggle with Islamic fascism which wants to control our world.

The problem is that our Western leaders today do not know the answer to the threat so they try to appease the enemy hoping it will go away. A few thousand years ago a great leader, King David, did have the answer to this problem. If only our leaders would follow his advice.

“The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my Salvation be exalted.

It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from violent man.

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.” Psa 18:46-49

Our leaders today are too busy worshipping the false god of multiculturalism to listen and take heed to this ancient King who was a man after God's own heart.

Japan's worst nightmare: Soaring death toll set to hit 25,000 as it emerges ANOTHER town has 10,000 people missing

The terrible toll of Japan's double disaster became clearer today as it emerged as many as 25,000 people could be dead.

As rescue crews trawled through mile after mile of tsunami-stricken wasteland, officials from the coastal town of Ishinomaki confirmed that 10,000 of their citizens were missing.

The unimaginable figure is the same given as in the town of Minamisanriku, also in Miyagi state, which lost around half its population when it was razed to the ground by the 20 foot high wall of water.

So far the official death toll has hit 4,340 with another 9,083 people missing. But there were very real fears tonight that the statistics were a

terrible underestimate of those who perished in the tsunami.

Across the country some 434,000 people have been made homeless and are living in shelters.

Ken Joseph, an associate professor at Chiba University, is in Ishinomaki with the Japan Emergency Team.

He told the Evening Standard: 'I think the death toll is going to be closer to 100,000 than 10,000.

'Why is there no food? I have been to every disaster zone in the last 20 years and I have never seen anything remotely like this. I think we're on the brink of chaos.'

He said the Prime Minister was 'a wonderful man in many ways' but indecisive as a leader: 'In yesterday's press conference on the nuclear reactor, he looked like he was going to cry, like a man having a nervous breakdown.

'Where is the sense of urgency? We need somebody to take charge. We've had an earthquake followed by fire, then a tsunami, then radiation, and now snow. It's everything.

'There is nothing left. The world needs to step in. Where are the Americans? The Japanese are too proud to ask, but we need help and we need it now.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/...>

Comment: Any serious Bible student who concludes that the Four Horsemen of Revelation 6 are not riding must be deluded at best. Even a news reporter stated that three of the horsemen of the apocalypse must be involved in the tragedy being played out in the nation of Japan. The devastation certainly looked like war, famine, and pestilence, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th horsemen had been visited on the victims of this earthquake and tsunami.

However we must never forget the other terrible troubles in our violent world, the riots and unrest in Northern Africa, the war in Afghanistan and many other areas of human turmoil. The above mentioned reporter left out the 1st horseman, religious deception and false prophets, but this also applies in our world of multiple thousands of religious beliefs when Christ plainly stated that there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism. In other words one true religion, one true Church.

"There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all... Eph 4:4-6

If the Four Horsemen are not riding today, I hate to imagine what the world would be like when they do. The truth is, we are rapidly approaching the Fifth Seal, the Great Tribulation. After all of this, when the whole world recognises that there is one God and Father of all, we are going to have peace and prosperity and disasters will be a thing of the past.

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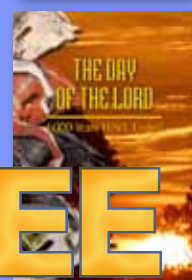
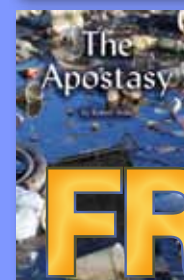
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